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BALTIMORE AND OHIO

Export Examiner Little's Report
Will Soon Be Made
Public.

MONEY BORROWED TO PAY DIVIDENDS

Indictment Against Representative
Shaffer Dismissed in Peoria—Saginaw Bank Closes—Oklahoma Suicide a Former Illinois Lawyer.

Nov. 21.—The report of Export Examiner Little of the results of his examination into the transactions of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, will soon be made public. It is said it will reveal the fact that the past five years unearned dividends have been paid with money borrowed for that purpose, that the road is fully able to meet its fixed charges and that but for the payment of unearned dividends the road would have been self-supporting and the necessity of a receiver-ship avoided.

Saginaw Bank Closes.
Saginaw, Mich., Nov. 21.—The following notice was posted on the doors of the First National bank this morning: "Owing to inability to realize from assets it is deemed wise to temporarily close the bank. Depositors will be paid in full. It is hoped arrangements can be made to resume." The bank is in the hands of the bank examiner. The capital stock is \$100,000. The last statement showed a surplus of \$60,000, and deposits of \$1,000,000.

OKLAHOMA SUICIDE.

Supposed to be an Illinois Lawyer, Once a Student of Senator Palmer.
Ark. City, Nov. 21.—At Perry, Okla., it is believed that if W. Thomas, the partner of Senator Palmer, who suicided a week ago, is really Thomas W. Hoag, once a prominent lawyer in Illinois, who suicided last year under General John M. Palmer. No cause for the suicide is known.

MAUD LEWIS CASE.

The Supreme Court Affirms the Decision of the Lower Court.

St. Louis, Nov. 21.—The state supreme court has affirmed the decision of the trial court in the Maud Lewis case, and under the decision the woman must go to the electric chair for fifteen years for the killing of her husband, Senator Peter B. Morel. Maud is missing, at least the police do not know where she is. It was reported yesterday that a quiet tip came from the state capital two days ago that suggested to the police the advisability of having the woman where they could put her hands on her when she was wanted. It was said the search for her began then, but the hunt, where she had been heard of, soon frequently were searched in vain. Det. O'Connell has been on a hunt for her ever since, and is still on the hunt. She was under bond in the sum of \$4,000, her bondsman being Charles Clement. It is said he had an indemnifying bond which secures him against loss. It was reported at the Four Courts yesterday that the woman's friends were making a hunt for her. The police do not think that she has run away, but they do not know of the decision in her case.

The story about yesterday was that, anticipating the finding of the supreme court she had gone to the capital for the purpose of surrounding herself to the testimony. This was based on several expressions from her of a desire to stop fighting the case and yield to the inevitable. If she has gone to Jefferson City she has not presented herself at the prison. A telegram from there last night said she had not put in an appearance.

SHUT UP THE THEATRE

Clay Clements in the Role of a "Mad Tragic Hero."

St. Louis, Ind. Nov. 21.—The Avenue Theatre came to an ignominious end last night. Clay Clement had been advised to appear there and was on the stage with his company to do so when he reconsidered and, going before the footlights, said to the handful of people in the audience that he had been backed, and that there would be no performance. He had a guarantee of \$300, but the management could not pay it. He had brought a carload of scenery to the city but not a piece of it could be used on the diminutive stage. Clement and his manager were very mad until they began to see the ridiculous side of the situation, and the remainder of the evening they were enjoying the predicament. Soon after the destruction of the opera house some months ago, a couple of young men erected a stage on the floor

of a small dancing hall and calling the place the Avenue theatre, entered into negotiations with star attractions. Some how they booked several, Clement among the rest. The seating capacity is less than 100, and there is no means of lifting scenery to the stage. Today the gas company turned off the gas and the managers are not seen about public places.

SERENADES AT URBANA.

Honors to Sound Money Men by the Big Horn Brigade.
Urbana, Nov. 20.—Eds. Republican: We arrived at Champaign at 11 a. m. and went to Urbana at 6 in the evening. Had a fine reception at both places. The public schools took a vacation so the children and teachers could see the biggest horn in the world. We only had forty photographs when we arrived at Urbana, and in 20 minutes we had sold out, and had nothing to do but wait for a new supply. We surrounded Colonel Busey, also State Auditor-elect McCullough. The latter went with us to the court house square. The former was not at home, being in Indiana. All feeling well. We leave today along the Big Four, east. Send papers to Danville, will be there Monday. Yours,
Clerk of the Aggregation.

REPUBLICAN LEAGUE PLANS.

They Propose to Attend the Inauguration and Will Also Follow Bryan.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—The executive committee of the Republican National League held its first meeting yesterday since the close of the campaign. President Woodmansee reported he had secured the promise from President-elect McKinley to attend the national convention of the league at Detroit next July. It was decided to arrange headquarters for the league in Washington at the time of the inauguration and urge all league clubs to take part in the procession. Members believe that 50,000 club members will turn out. One of the subjects discussed was W. J. Bryan's tour in the west. It was decided to send speakers to deliver addresses and distribute literature wherever Bryan speaks.

Civil Service Extension Denounced.

Pittsburg, Nov. 21.—A movement that is expected to become national and which may result in a change in the civil service laws was started by the Allegheny county War Veterans' Association last night. The association met in its hall, on West Raymond street, Allegheny, and adopted resolutions denouncing President Cleveland's administration. The resolutions say that under the guise of civil service he has placed 50,000 Democrats in office for life, and in doing so displaced thousands of old soldiers. A committee will be appointed to wait upon the congressman from this district to ascertain if the partition orders of President Cleveland could not be set aside, and the offices thrown open to fair competition. Speeches in support of the resolutions were made by Dr. W. W. Cole, ex-department commander of the G. A. R.; Thomas G. Sample and James Rafferty. Copies of the resolutions will be sent to all soldiers' organizations, with a request that similar action be taken. It is expected to create such a feeling that congress will act.

An Illinois Central Purchase.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 21.—An important real estate transaction took place yesterday that means greatly increased terminal facilities of the Union depot company, owned by the Illinois Central railroad. The depot and train shed now occupies the square from Seventh to Eighth streets and from Nelson street to the canal. It is desired to utilize the square from Sixth to Seventh, and thus allow eight tracks on either side of a central passage way opposite Seventh street. Now only eight tracks can be handled at one time, but four of the tracks have an eastern outlet. Some years ago C. P. Huntington bought all the property in the square from Sixth to Seventh street, save one piece, which was refused. This piece, occupied by Bridgford & Co as a stove foundry, was today sold to the Illinois Central for \$115,000. It is said the depot will be enlarged at once.

The King's Daughters.

St. Louis, Nov. 21.—The international order of Kings Daughters and Sons opened its convention today and will be in session a week. The session will be devoted to addresses and such services as will arouse enthusiasm in the work of the order.

Weyler Will Return to Spain.

Madrid, Nov. 21.—While it is officially denied that Captain General Weyler will shortly return to Spain, semi-official reports admit that he will possibly return "owing to the unhealthy season."

Fire Destroys \$300,000 Worth of Property

Antwerp, Nov. 21.—Fire in the market town known as Laetho destroyed a number of stores and houses. Loss, \$300,000.

The Weather.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—Showers followed tonight by clearing; cooler; Sunday, fair; colder; fresh winds shifting to west and northwest.

BRYAN RETURNS.

The Hunting Trip Ends - Will Make Two Speeches Tonight.

A MILLIONAIRE COMMITS SUICIDE.

Civil Service Act to be Tested in the Courts in Relation to Political Assessments—Ferris Wheel Inventor Dying.

Springfield, Mo., Nov. 21.—W. J. Bryan and party of hunters will reach here this evening. He will make two speeches here and leave at 11 o'clock tonight for Kansas City. He will be met there by Mrs. Bryan and will proceed to Denver.

Millionaire Commits Suicide.

Patterson, N. J., Nov. 21.—Holmes Romaine, the millionaire, suicided in Rochelle park this morning by shooting. Ill health is the supposed cause.

To Test the Civil Service Law.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The civil service commission will soon select a test case for prosecution in the courts to determine the extent to which the civil service law is applicable to political assessments. Many complaints of illegal assessments during the late campaign have been filed. Several have been sent to the attorney general for examination. It was found that several could not be substantiated. Many intricate questions are involved.

Originator of the Ferris Wheel Dying.

Pittsburg, Nov. 21.—George W. Ferris, the originator of the great wheel at the World's Fair, is critically ill in this city. His death is expected at any moment.

BUCKED, GAGGED AND ROBBED.

Contractor Dragged from His Buggy, Tied to a Post and Left to Freeze.

Warsaw, Ill., Nov. 21.—Two men were captured here who are believed to be the highwaymen who robbed, bucked, gagged and left to a possible death W. A. Moore at the village of Meyer, twenty miles south of here, Wednesday night. Moore, who lives in Canton, Mo., has been furnishing supplies to the force employed by the government contractors in the construction of levees on the Illinois side. It was his custom to cross the river, drive down the levee, make his collections, proceed to Quincy to have his checks cashed and return home by the same route. The robbers saw him leave Quincy Wednesday and taking the train to Canton, Mo., arrived there at 5 o'clock, stole a skiff, crossed the river and hid in wait for Moore. About 6 o'clock he drove along leisurely, when one of the robbers jumped on the rear of the vehicle and clamped his arms around Moore, while he was covered by the other with a revolver. They dragged him from the buggy, relieved him of \$350, a gold watch and revolver. Previously they had gagged him with a notched stick. Then they tied a handkerchief over his mouth, bound his legs and arms, and lifting him from the ground, bound him to a post. He begged of them not to do this, as the night was cold, but doubtless it was their intention that he should freeze to death. Thus they left him. There he remained for two hours. He ate the handkerchief and gnawed the stick until he was able to make an outcry. His calls for help were heard in Canton, across the river, a mile and a half distant. When assistance reached him and he was out loose, he fell to the earth completely exhausted, and nearly chilled to death. The robbers were traced to Warsaw, and Moore believes the men arrested are the guilty ones.

Discouraging Reports from India.

London, Nov. 21.—News from India gives the impression that the insufficient rains will not affect the crops, and in any case will not change the famine outlook. A leading India merchant today received a telegram stating that the condition is worse than ever, adding rain has not fallen, except in the districts where little wheat is grown.

The Shaffer Case Dismissed.

Peoria, Nov. 21.—The state's attorney today dismissed the indictment against Simon Shaffer, of Chicago, an ex-representative in the legislature, indicted for attempting to get money from the Peoria distillers for influencing legislation.

Weekly Bank Statement.

New York, Nov. 21.—The weekly bank statement shows: Reserve, increase, \$1,083,000. The banks are holding \$29,306,000 in excess of legal requirements.

John R. Hoxie Dead.

Chicago, Nov. 21.—John R. Hoxie, the well known ranchman and cattle dealer, died today.

THE SHERIFF AND THE JAIL.

Prisoners Make a Row About the Mail—May be an Arrest.

Since jails have been built and since people have been confined therein, it has been the custom of sheriff's and turnkeys to keep a watchful eye upon all visitors and to inspect mail matter in and out of jail with more or less vigilance, not through idle curiosity but simply to prevent the introduction of saws and other means of breaking jails, and further for the prevention of the consumption of schemes to take advantage of the sheriff or his assistants to the end that prisoners might escape or violence attempted.

It is stated that it has been the habit of Macou county sheriffs to open letters addressed to certain prisoners, and also those letters which desperate prisoners sent out to pals in this or other cities. The letters were only opened, however, when there was cause for suspicion of crookedness of contents. Some of the letters opened were found to contain saws and knife blades, and no doubt jail deliveries have been prevented by the vigilance exercised in the past.

The other day, Frank Marsh, the turnkey, opened a letter for a prisoner named Wright, who is an ex-convict, and is now in jail serving out a sentence for a misdemeanor. Marsh and Wright have not been on good terms. Wright got wrathful when he learned that Marsh had opened his letter, and he sent a kick notice to the postoffice department at Washington. Black came an order to Postmaster Donahue to have the matter investigated. Assistant Montgomery made the official call at the jail and learned that it had been the custom to open suspicious looking letters at the jail. Postmaster Donahue has made his report.

Sheriff Nicholson gave notice to the prisoners that no more letters would be delivered without inspection and none allowed to be mailed by the prisoners.

Postmaster Donahue in person had a talk with Sheriff Nicholson today. It appears that all letters must be received and delivered to parties to whom they are addressed. Sheriffs may get an order from the court to pursue a certain course. The order will be to the effect that where a prisoner refuses to allow the sheriff to inspect a letter addressed to any prisoner, it shall be sent to the dead letter office at Washington. Such an order Sheriff Nicholson will procure from Judge Vail without delay.

It is not known now what will be the result of the postoffice department investigation as made up to date, but it can be stated that Sheriff Nicholson has no regrets. He was pursuing what seemed to him to be the best course of preventing trouble with desperate prisoners in his custody. If a sheriff has no protection in the way of inspecting suspicious letters or packages, he might as well throw up his job as a jailer, or call upon the board of supervisors to build a jail of steel with solid walls ten feet thick, proof against dynamite and other explosives.

Pie as Evidence Against a Burglar.

Pittsburg, Nov. 21.—About 2 o'clock last Sunday morning Police Surgeon Dr. R. L. Taylor, of 1209 Wylie avenue, was awakened by the striking of a match. He saw a colored man peering into his room from behind the portiere. He sprang from his bed and chased the burglar from the place. Before reaching the door the thief had ransacked the lower part of the house. After he had packed the silverware in a bag he decided to sample a piece of juicy pumpkin pie which he found in the refrigerator. The negro did not like pumpkin, as he took but one bite of it. The bite was a big one and the marks of the man's teeth were plainly seen by the doctor. The latter preserved the pie until he could make a cast that would fit in the indentation in the pie. After making the mold he had a perfect impression of the thief's teeth.

Frank Washington, of 505 River avenue, who was seen near the house the night of the robbery, was arrested on suspicion. An examination of his mouth clearly showed that he was the man who had taken the bite out of the pie. At the hearing before Magistrate McGlary yesterday this evidence was presented, and Washington, who made no defense, was held for trial at court.

Gov. Matthews Feels Aggrieved.

Indianapolis, Nov. 21.—Governor-elect Mount returned to his home at Shannondale yesterday afternoon after a visit of two days, the first since his election. While he was here, so far as known, he received no congratulations from Governor Matthews, either in person or by note, and, on the other hand, he did not offer any condolences to Governor Matthews. Governor Mount is probably not conscious that he has intimated anything in this direction, but Governor Matthews is "I understand," said the present governor, while discussing the visit of his successor, "that Mr. Mount was in the capitol on Thursday, but we did not see him in this office. Four years ago my predecessor did not come over to the secretary of state's office to congratulate me, but three or four days after election I came down here to offer my condolences."

DID NOT DIE.

Oro Ogger's Second Attempt at Suicide Proves a Failure.

WANTED TO EXPIRE IN PRISON.

Took a Dose of Morphine and Told the Officers to Send for a Doctor.

Quick—A Love Affair.

This afternoon a young woman of alleged loose character named Oro Ogger, again brought herself into public notice by taking a dose of morphine with suicidal intent. She has been stopping at a house near the Short street police station, and this afternoon she came to the officers in charge, telling them what she had done. Officer Lord sent for Dr. C. H. Smith, the county physician, at once, and that doctor took the case in hand with the result that Oro is now believed to be out of danger.

Oro is the girl who was arrested in Decatur some months ago for the theft of a shawl at Lincoln. She got a sentence of thirty days in jail for that act. Then she came to Decatur and worked in a restaurant, going thence to a house of ill repute. She was arrested as an inmate, and while in jail took morphine, but recovered. Today she tells a story about disappointment in a love affair, a party named John at Acrola, being the man in the case.

Woman's Club Gossip.

The members of the Woman's club are applying the idea of spreading out their organization so as to reach all other woman's clubs in this county and form a federation. If the idea is carried out the ladies will endeavor to organize branches of the club in smaller towns. The organization of a choral society in the club is also spoken of and a meeting will be held in about ten days to discuss the matter. A class in elocution will probably be formed among the club members. An exhibition will be given soon at an open meeting and if the members take up with the idea a class will be formed and an instructor engaged.

The meetings will be held this week as usual. On Monday afternoon the Sorosis division meets and will study political science and the city government. On Tuesday afternoon the Chautauque class meets and in the evening the Palmas division. The latter will entertain at the next monthly meeting of the club on December 5. The business session will take place in the afternoon and in the evening the entertainment will be held. Wednesday afternoon of this week the Shakespearian club meets, on Thursday afternoon the art and literary division will have a lesson on general art subjects and on Friday the musical division will hold their meetings.

The club has made the engagement with Henry Waterson for the evening of January 8. He will speak at the opera house on the subject, "Money and Morals."

Wanted as Witness.

W. H. Clark is to be tried in the United States district court at Columbus, Ohio, in December, for a series of forgeries by which he swindled postoffices out of considerable cash. On January 9, 1894, he got two money orders, each for \$100, cashed at the Decatur postoffice. Everything was regular, even to the regulation letter of instruction to the P. M. to pay the order. Last night Major G. R. Steele, who was then acting as deputy postmaster, and Miss Anna W. Badenhausen, the stamp clerk, were served with notices by an officer to appear at Columbus, Dec. 1, to testify in the case. Clark had a partner in the far east working the same game. He was arrested and then it came out that Clark had stolen the blanks from a postoffice in the New England states. It is expected that both Mr. Steele and Miss Badenhausen will recognize Clark as the man who did the trick in Decatur.

Birthday Surprise.

Mrs. Katherine Tobey was very happily surprised Friday upon returning from a call to find her home at 263 Condit street in full possession of her friends and an elaborate spread of the delicacies of the season in waiting. She was the recipient also of many articles more substantial than smiles and greetings. Those present were Messrs. W. B. Newbegin, B. D. Urick, Culver, S. E. Honable of Blue Mound, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Culbertson and Mrs. Maggie Farber of this city. This was Mrs. Tobey's birthday anniversary.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS.

The Good Citizenship Movement Society Meetings Work in the County.

Mr. E. D. Wheelock, member of the national christian citizenship league and Rev. Charles Seymour Bullock of Chicago, addressed a fair audience at the Baptist church last night in the interest of christian citizenship. A committee was appointed to meet next Tuesday evening in the Y. M. C. A. rooms where a permanent organization will be effected. It is hoped that all who are interested in this movement will meet with them. Mr. Wheelock and Rev. Bullock go to Springfield tomorrow where they meet a joint committee to complete plans for this work throughout the state of Illinois. Last week was self-denial week for the Baptist society. Their gift was to the Shurtliff college and was quite a neat sum.

The Congregational society has taken up the missionary bible study as suggested by Miss Patterson.

The Long Fork society will hold a social in their church on Thanksgiving night. Everyone is invited.

The executive committee of the First M. E. society met Thursday night at the home of T. H. Ewing and decided they would have a missionary library.

The members of the lookout committee of the county union have been invited to meet with the Bethlehem people and assist in reorganizing a C. F. society there.

Next Sunday is the Thanksgiving service, subject, "Some Blessings Often Forgotten." Ps. 104. 1-18.

Grace M. E. society held a very interesting meeting on last Monday evening in behalf of the "Sufferers of Armenia." A plea was made to aid them and the society wishes to extend their thanks to each one who contributed. The amount given them was \$10.78, but since others have added and the full amount sent was \$26.82. As \$1 keeps one person three months all can readily see how much this gift will do for them. After the collection W. R. Newell of Chicago, gave a very helpful talk, encouraging true christian living. These present spent a delightful evening.

On Tuesday evening the Japanese gave a lecture on customs and living in Japan. None of the Endeavors assisted him in exhibiting the costumes. The house was full and a pleasant evening spent.

The executive committee of the Presbyterian society will meet with Miss Lytle Monday evening.

The Christian society holds its semi-annual election Monday night at the tabernacle.

The Congregational C. P. and First Presbyterian societies met in a union session last Sunday evening. The latter church was filled and an interesting and helpful meeting held.

As last Monday closed the special week of prayer for the Armenians throughout the world the Grace M. E. society did the most practical thing by helping to answer their own prayers in sending them money to relieve the sufferers.

The church of God society held a pumpkin social at Mr. Chandler's residence, 404 East Bradford street last Thursday evening. There was a large attendance and a good time was had.

The society at Oak Grove gave a basket social last Tuesday evening at their school house and was attended by several Decatur people. It was quite a success socially and financially, the proceeds to be used in buying new song books for their Sunday school and Christian Endeavor society.

Hog Feeding Experiment.

A hog feeding experiment has just been concluded at the experiment station at Champaign. These experiments are made in nine different months of the year. The average of the sixteen lots showed 11 1/2 pounds, live weight, made from 56 pounds of corn. With corn worth 35 cents per bushel this would make pork cost a trifle over 30 a pound. The poorest results were obtained from work done in January, which showed 6.95 pounds from one bushel of corn to pigs weighing 108 pounds each. The next poorest results were obtained in June, July and August, and showed 8.25 pounds gain, when fed to pigs, weighing 208 pounds each. The best work was done in December, and showed 16.81 pounds gain from one bushel of corn.

Next Week.

Coming to Powers' Grand opera house for one night only, Wednesday, Nov. 25, that jolly crowd of merry makers in the "Prodigal Father." This was always a good play. Every situation and character in it does its share towards making the auditors happy. But with the changes that have been made in it as now produced it is even livelier than before. A lot of up-to-date songs, dances and specialties have been introduced through the various acts, with the result of rendering it as merry a bit of stage fun as one could wish to see. Among these conspicuous in the proceedings were Marjorie Fair, Lynn Welch, Charles Boyle and R. M. Melville.—Philadelphia Item.

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There is little danger of Senator Chandler being called into the cabinet.

Illinois has two United States senators who are a credit to the state. The standard should not be lowered no matter how badly some people may want the office.

William J. Bryan has gone hunting and if he is wise he will secure a rabbit's foot himself as it is evident the one he relied upon which was sent to him was a fake.

A man in Fayette county, this state in looking over the records found 40 acres of land in that county that had never been taken and he immediately procured it. The land is said to be worth \$10 an acre.

An Indian skeleton has been found in Rhode Island. This is considered quite an incident in the little state and is much more interesting than the free silver skeletons that are so common in all the state as to cause no remarks.

It is said the Kansas legislature which is controlled by the Populists propose to make the Mexican silver dollar a legal tender. When they get through with that job they will have a better acquaintance with Uncle Sam than they have with common honesty.

Anarchist Mowbray says music propagates anarchy. We doubt the correctness of his position but there can be no mistaking the fact that those demagogues who for the sake of gaining votes for some lame cause arraign the government propagate anarchy and there is little music any of that class of pestiferous politicians.

Bryan has no reason to complain of the result of the election. It was his habit during his tour to say to the people: "Study this great question and then vote accordingly." This advice the people followed and the result was against Bryan because his policy was not supported by past history.

In a speech in Lincoln, Neb., since the election Mr. Bryan said: "From the results of the campaign some of you might imagine that all the audiences that I have addressed were composed of persons who do not vote." It did not occur to Mr. Bryan that perhaps most of them voted but voted the other way.

In Rosenberg, Ore., they have a curfew law that requires only the boys to seek their homes. This law is evidently based on the theory that the girls will not go on the streets when the boys are all at home and the theory is as logical as the great fact that only one money metal in circulation is not bimetallic no matter what the law may be regarding coinage.

The superintendent of the naval academy at Annapolis has a big level head and has declared himself against the cadets playing foot ball and base ball. Expertness in either of these branches of sport would be of no avail to a naval cadet. They could indulge in neither on board ship. The superintendent will try to turn their attention to aquatic sports and has purchased a number of light-oar shells for them to begin with.

The inauguration ceremonies will probably be the most complete ever had. It is the intention of the national committee to make the ceremonies more national in their character than is usual, because of the greater significance attached to the occasion this year on account of the issues settled by McKinley's election. The plan is to have citizens from all sections of the country on the committee on arrangements instead of confining the membership to citizens of the District of Columbia. The military display will undoubtedly be greater than for many years, and indications also point to a larger attendance of civic organizations than has ever been witnessed at an inauguration. Chairman Hanna, having started out to maintain the Republican organization up to the standard which he set in the campaign, is desirous of having as many Republican clubs as possible participate in the inauguration parade, as he believes it will be possible in this way to get up an enthusiasm which will last for the next fight against the enemies of sound money.

Limit to Their Patience.
Chicago Evening Journal: Chicago people are good natured. They stand a great deal before they protest. They murmur at times, but cease before it amounts to much. They pay exorbitant taxes for streets that are not cleaned, and for policemen who do not attend to business, while franchises that could be sold for their benefit are disposed of by advertisement and the proceeds put into the aldermen's pockets. But there is a limit to their patience. They have allowed themselves to be swindled out of the power to govern themselves, but there come times when one of two bosses can be shown, and then they remember. Mayor Swift has given, in some respects, an adminis-

tration that has provoked no violent criticism, but at the wind-up of his term he has it in his power to help inflict on the people of Cook county and Illinois an injury which the people will not forget. That is the election of M. H. Madden to the United States senate.

The joint caucus of the Republicans in the legislature will be held in January. It is Madden's evident intention to avoid a Cook county caucus, but he is laying his plans to carry the Cook county delegation solid none the less. There are 33 votes from Cook county, nearly all of which can be controlled if Mayor Swift will help.

Negotiations have already been opened.

How far they have gone no one knows except Mr. Madden and Mr. Swift, but if the latter is wise they will stop where they are, for it is not such a long time from the caucus in January to the majority election in the spring, and in case Mr. Swift has thoroughly made up his mind he does not wish to succeed himself, the people can remember even longer than that Mr. Swift's machine and Mr. Madden's machine both pulling together could land the Cook county delegation and the delegation the caucus, but Mayor Swift must decide whether it is worth it or not. Madden can make furious opposition in the council and interfere with business for the rest of the Swift administration, but the people will know from whence the trouble comes. It's nothing more than is to be expected from Madden, but the voters deserve better of Mayor Swift than that he should betray them into Madden's hands.

SPLENDID BURIAL CASKETS.

Complete Line of New Goods Shown by P. Perl & Son.

The firm of P. Perl & Son, funeral directors in the old tabernacle, corner Prairie and North Main streets, have in stock one of the most complete lines of undertaking goods to be found in any similar establishment in the west. Mr. Perl personally selected the goods and invites inspection as to quality, style and price. He is now ready to furnish anything in the line of modern caskets to suit anybody, prices ranging from \$8 to \$1800 and upward. A splendid line of the finest caskets of cedar and chestnut, beautifully lined and draped, are in the chapel and all are so arranged that they can be easily shown to all who so desire it may be to select burial cases and supplies generally. It will pay you to call at Perl & Son's establishment. One of the best caskets is 'The State' with square corners. The firm has borne and carriage service as good as the best in the city.

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When You Buy Coal.

Keep in mind that the best coal in the market is Decatur coal. It is the hardest, makes more heat and lasts longer than any other soft coal. Every ton of it that you buy is just as much money kept right here in Decatur. The more of it you buy the more miners and teamsters we can employ. They spend their money in town and part of it must of necessity find its way to you. When you buy coal order Decatur coal.

Improved Train Service on the Wabash. Taking effect, with change of time, Sunday, Nov. 16, 1896, trains Nos. 8 and 7 between Peru and Montpelier will be resumed, running daily except Sunday, making connections at Peru and Montpelier with trains from and to St. Louis and Detroit. This makes three trains daily between Decatur and Detroit.—18-46

Eleven towns are to be supplied from the supply tanks of the Standard Oil company at El Paso, viz: Kappa, Branson, Benson, Minonk, Woodford, Pansola, Grifley, Meadows, Hudson, Senor and Eureka. Another company is putting up tanks at Minonk and will attempt to supply El Paso, so there is a prospect of cheap oil.

You've seen and heard the loud voiced man at the big railway stations, calling the trains. He tells where each one is going and keeps people from taking wrong trains—if they pay attention. One's physical feelings are bodily "train callers." They announce the starting of all trains of disease. Most all trains of disease lead to consumption, because consumption is a blood disorder and because the blood must be poor or impure before any disease can make much headway.

The secret of health is to keep the blood pure and full of strength. When a man or woman loses flesh and vitality, there is something wrong in the blood. The start of it is likely to be in the stomach or bowels, and if they are put in order the trouble gradually stops. Consumption is a germ disease, but if the blood is good, and keeps the lungs strong and healthy, the germs cannot find a place to lodge and are cast off. If there's a weak spot, the germ will find it. Even after that, strong and pure blood will strengthen the lungs so that they can gradually rid themselves of the germs. It is by creating strength and purity that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures consumption and other diseases. It makes one gain flesh—not fatty, oily fat, but sound, firm, useful, healthy flesh. Hundreds of patients have testified to its wonderfully beneficial effects in many diseases and especially in incipient consumption.

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A wagon loaded with gasoline collided with an electric car. The wagon was demolished and the oil flooded the street. The accident attracted the attention of a motorman of another car, who ran his car up to the scene. Seeing the oil running under his car, he turned on the current to get away. A spark from the wheel immediately ignited the gasoline fumes and instantly the street was ablaze. Four people were injured, one seriously, and one horse was burned to death.

Fire occurred in a basement owing to dripping water falling on an electric measuring instrument, thereby short circuiting it. No damage was done beyond the loss of the instrument.

An elevator motor was burned out, having been left running when the employees left the store, the motor brushes being badly adjusted.

A carpenter dropped a nut on the coils of a rheostat, short-circuiting them with an iron frame resting against a gas pipe. An arc was formed between the frame and the pipe, the latter was melted and the escaping gas ignited. But small loss.

Rats gnawed the insulation from a wire which lay on a gas pipe, an arc was established between the wire and the gas pipe, setting fire to the gas.

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Van Dyke—Story of the Other Wise Men.

SUNDAY SERVICES

CHURCH OF GOD.
Corner of North Water and Cerro Gordo streets. J. Hornard, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "Seven Golden Capabilities." Evening, "The Great Physician." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., W. L. Hull, supt. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.

EDWARD STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Services to-morrow to which all brothers and sisters are cordially invited, as well as all friends of the church. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Oliver W. Stewart, President of the State Y. P. S. C. E.
Members will please take notice that the hour for Sunday School has been changed at the Edward Street Church.
Leland Avenue Sunday School at 9 a. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
W. H. Pontaligon, D. D., pastor. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m., A. H. Mills, supt. Services at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach both morning and evening. Morning theme, "The Hand of God Upon the Helm." In the evening, "The Extremes of Youth and Old Age." Offering for Foreign Missions in the morning. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

COLLEGE STREET CHURCH.
Sunday school at 2:15 p. m., W. D. Wells, supt. WESTERN-SWISS CHURCH.
Corner of Macon street and Hawthorne avenue. Sunday school at 2:15 p. m., D. P. Laughlin, supt.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.
Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Instruction in the Way of Understanding. Friday evening meeting at 7:45. Front Rooms, second floor, Review Building.
SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:30 A. M.
Corner North Water and East North streets. Rev. D. R. McGregor, pastor, residence, 530 N. College street. Sunday School at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "A Thorough Spirit." Evening, "Humanity as It Is." A quartette composed of Mrs. Howard, Misses Lindbergh, Jones and Howard, will sing in the morning. Mid-week service on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The seats are free. Traveling men and those without church homes are cordially invited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:30 A. M.
Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. J. E. Edwards, supt. Superintendent. Sermon by the pastor on Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. A quartette in the vicinity of the chapel are cordially invited.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Rev. A. W. Hawkins pastor. Services in W. C. T. U. hall. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "Fishing for Men." Evening theme, "The Loom of Neglect." Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Services each evening during next week at 7:30, conducted by Rev. T. R. McMan.

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE.
Church street, between Eldorado and North. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., C. W. Lewman, supt. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by Rev. Geo. F. Hall. Morning theme, "What Constitutes a New Testament Church." Evening theme, "Golden Threads in the Past Year of American History." (A Thanksgiving sermon.) Music by the big chorus and a double male quartet.
Riverside Mission School at 2:30 p. m.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.
Rev. D. F. Howe pastor. Class meeting at 9 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning theme, "The Devil's Victory." Evening theme, "Truth Drawn from Broken Cisterns." Endeavor services at 6:30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public and to all not worshipping elsewhere.

SARGENT'S CHURCH.
Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Class meeting at 3:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening.

UNITED BROTHERS IN CHRIST CHURCH.
At the Centenary U. B. church, corner of N. Broadway and Eldorado streets. M. B. Spayd, pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Supt. Joseph McMan. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Eternal, Everlasting Prayer." Evening, "Let's Choke." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

SANCT JOHN'S CHURCH, EPISCOPAL.
Rev. Frank N. Atkin, pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Holy Communion at 7 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon at 10:30 a. m. Evening and sermon at 7:30 p. m.
Miss Josephine Lutz will sing a solo in the evening.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, L. M. E. CHURCH.
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Rev. W. J. Boyd, supt. Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Who Are Our Friends?" Evening, the same subject. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Rev. P. C. Cooper, pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.
Dr. W. F. Gurney, D. D., pastor. Class meeting at 9 a. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Church as the Body of Christ." Evening, "Occupancy till come." Christian Endeavor Monday evening. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

SPIRITUALIST SOCIETY.
Spiritualist services will be held at 559 North Jackson street at 7:30 p. m. Subject for discourse, "Is your name written in the book of life?" All interested in spiritual truth are cordially invited.

Game This Afternoon.
The Decatur and Bennett foot ball teams play this afternoon at the Edward street park. It was feared that the weather would be too severe but it was decided to play rain or shine. The two teams will line up as follows:
Decatur—Left end, Schroll; left tackle, Dickson; left guard, Hastings; center, Martin; right guard, Godfrey; right tackle, Ewing; right end, McBrice; quarter back, Oschinski; right half back, Walston; left half back, Culp; full back, Clark.
Bennett—Left end, R. Webb; left tackle, D. Evans; left guard, A. Sino; center, J. L. Bodman; right guard, Charles Moore; right tackle, J. O. Evans; right end, R. Pettit; quarter back, G. Thompson; right half, O. W. Mann; left half, E. Jones; full back, O. Webb. James Stafford referees the game.

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PERSONAL MENTION.

J. R. Gorin was in Taylorville yesterday.

Mrs. K. Harwood is home from a visit to Chicago.

Gordon Damrow went to Moweaqua today on a business trip.

Frank M. Watkins has returned from an extended business trip.

Charles H. Ten Eyck, of Chicago, is in the city on a brief visit.

Senator Kanan arrived home today from Chicago.

States Attorney Mills and W. H. Starr left today for Springfield on a business trip.

Mrs. W. R. Abbott, who has been visiting friends in Chicago, has returned home.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Seeforth, who has been ill of diphtheria, is recovering.

Mrs. J. W. Baker, who has been visiting at Omaha, Neb., for the past week, has returned to the city.

Mrs. Peter Wyckoff is dangerously ill at her home on West Decatur street. Her condition is considered very critical.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bassett, who have been in the city visiting Dr. and Mrs. Everett J. Brown, returned today to their home in St. Joe, Mo.

Ralph Templeton arrived in the city yesterday from Chicago to join his wife who has been visiting in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Templeton will leave soon for Akron, O., where they will make their home in the future.

Major George R. Steele returned home last night from St. Louis, where he has been attending a reunion of the Army of Tennessee. Col. A. C. Waterhouse, of Chicago, passed through the city yesterday on his way home from the same place.

Mrs. K. Harwood left this morning for Chicago where on Tuesday night she will attend the banquet which will be given by the Republican state central committee at the Auditorium hotel. Mr. Harwood and daughters will leave Tuesday to attend the banquet.

Comedy To-Night.

The Vokes-Ward company will appear at the Grand tonight in "A Run on the Bank." It is a fine comedy of comedians. They need no introduction, they have so long been in the first class of vaudeville artists that their name becomes a guarantee of the best. In the supporting company are such people as Charles Guyer, Tony Williams, Joe Kelly, Gus Mechin, Charles Mason, T. W. Eckert, Gilbert Leacock, Margaret Duly Vokes, Emma Francis, Emma Borg, Martha Franklin and a bunch of pretty girls to give the real flavor to the things.

Saloon Sold.]

Wilson & Rawley have sold their new saloon on North Water street near Main street, to John Halpin, who has been tending bar at McGinty's saloon. He will take possession next Monday morning. The saloon was opened by Wilson & Rawley last summer.

Alderman Gus Abrams left this afternoon for St. Louis to bring home James Alsup who has been a patient in a hospital at that city. Mr. Abrams is acting for Coeur de Leon lodge Knights of Pythias, of which lodge Mr. Alsup is a beneficiary member. His condition is critical. He will have to be brought home on a cot, and may not arrive until Monday noon.

Mrs. Lida M. West, a returned missionary from Africa, was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Spayd at 450 North Broadway. She left at 2:30 p. m. for Louisa Grove where she has engagements over the Sabbath. Mrs. West will speak in the U. B. church this city on Tuesday evening, 24th inst.

Rev. Geo. F. Hall will deliver two lectures the coming week, one at Muskegon, Mich., and one at Flora, Ind. He will be at home for Thanksgiving.

Rain came last night. Colder to-day.

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PROBIA QUOTATIONS.

PROBIA, Nov. 21.—Corn, steady, No. 2 white, 21c; Oats, irregular, No. 2, white, 20c; Rye 30c.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Stocks, dull and weak throughout; closed generally at fractional decline.

Jury Disagrees in the Laurada Case.

New York, Nov. 21.—The jury in the case of Emilio Nunez of the Cuban Junta, and Captain Dickman, of the steamer Laurada, accused of violating the neutrality law and engaging in an hostile expedition to Cuba, came into the U. S. court this morning and reported a disagreement. The jury was discharged.

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PITH AND POINT.

—Isn't that a very slow horse of yours? "Well, he isn't much for speed; but he's easily frightened, and runs away a good deal, so that he gets there just the same."—Melbourne Weekly Times.

—Burglar—"Hold up your hands and don't speak. Now trot out the most valuable thing yer got in the house." Head of the Household—"O Lord, he wants the servant girl, and she hasn't been here a week yet!"—Truth.

—He Must Live—"Why have you charged me twice as much for burying my second wife as you charged for my first?" asked the indignant widower. "I regret to say, sir," said the undertaker, "that the death rate has decreased 50 per cent. in the meantime."—Life.

—Ah, a new drama," repeated the playwright. "About how indecent would you like it?" "Oh, from 15 to 20 volts," answered the manager. "Very well." People were by no means easily shocked as formerly, and art had to govern itself accordingly.—Detroit Tribune.

—Nerve—"Backward, turn backward, O time in thy flight," implored the jaded mortal. Time, however, laughed scornfully. "Backward?" It repeated? Just when I'm letting myself out to make a sensational finish to the cockingest century run of my life? You've got nerve."—Detroit Tribune.

—Oh, Henry," exclaimed his little wife as she threw her arms rapturously around his neck. "I do love you so! Don't forget to leave me \$20 when you go in town this morning, will you, dear?" "And this," muttered Henry, softly disengaging himself from her fond embrace, "this is what you might call being hard pressed for money."—Somerville Journal.

—Newspaper Proprietor—"Mr. Scribe, aren't you spending a good deal of your time reading?" Book Reviewer—"I suppose you know, Mr. Smarte, that one must read a book before he can review it." Newspaper Proprietor—"I don't know anything about that; but I do know that we can't afford to pay you for writing, and have you spend so much of your time reading?"—Boston Transcript.

BICYCLE "BINS" THE LATEST.

A New Scheme to Care for Numerous Wheels in Great Cities.

The latest development in cycling circles is the formation of a company which will establish "bicycle bins" all over the metropolitan district. Within a week 50 of these establishments will be in operation, and when the regular season opens next spring their number will probably have been increased ten to fifty fold.

The organization is known as the Cyclists' Protective League. It has been incorporated under the laws of New Jersey, with a capital stock of \$100,000, with a par value of \$10 a share.

The plan in contemplation is to establish from 500 to 5,000 "bicycle bins" in and around New York city. At each of these bins members will be afforded valuable privileges, such as storage for wheels, arrangements for repairs, toilet-rooms, etc. The charge to members will be \$2 a month, or \$20 a year. This will include an insurance policy covering bicycle accidents, allowing \$1,000 in case of death and \$5 a week indemnity for injuries sustained while cycling. These insurance policies will be issued by an insurance company already in business, and in issuing them the Protective League will act merely as an agent.

"There is a great need of for some such enterprise," said one of the officers, "and we think we have a good thing not only for ourselves, but for the public at large. We shall offer the same advantages to transients that we do to regular members, only the rate will be a little higher. That is, we shall charge ten cents a day for storage at any of the bins. With so many cyclists living in flats, bins in residence localities should be profitable. Nearly everyone would pay \$2 a month for storage rather than carry a wheel up and down stairs. Men who ride their wheels to business can store them in a bin convenient to their offices or shops during the daytime. Thus storing them at each end of trip would cost less than two fares each day."

Should the plan prove profitable in New York the business will be extended to other large cities. Besides the accommodations outlined above, the league will sell and rent bicycles, furnish repairs, clean machines and do a general bicycle business. Some of the bins will be connected with refreshment stands and restaurants, and others will be run independently. Coupon books will be issued to members of the league which will be good at any bin. Fifty of these bins will be in operation during the present week, and others will be established as rapidly as possible.—N. Y. World.

Numbers Do Not Count.

All history teaches that in a war for independence superiority in numbers does not count. For instance, the little republic of Switzerland, surrounded by kingdoms and empires in arms, won its independence upward of 600 years ago, and is independent to-day, yet it has, and has always had, only an army of militia. The little principality of Montenegro has been fighting the Turks since the fall of Constantinople, even before the discovery of America. The Dutch republic and Scotland under Wallace and Bruce, and Prussia under Frederick II. in the Seven Years' War, and America in the revolution, all succeeded with greater odds of numbers against them than were opposed to the succeeding states. And to-day Cuba, with only 1,500,000 of population, seem to be successfully fighting Spain with nearly 20,000,000. No; in a war for independence numbers do not count, and it has not often happened in the history of the world that a people who have fought with such desperate valor as the confederates displayed have failed to win independence.—Duncan Rose, in Century.

The Ideal Panacea.
James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years, to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. At West's drug store.

Mrs. John Brasel, of Danville, stepped on a spike, which passed entirely through her foot.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and (that is not where the liver is)." "Never you mind where the liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or left ear De Witt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig-lamps." A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

The Dog Owners' Protective association of Danville has been organized, for protection against thieves and dog killers.

Absolutely pure, perfectly harmless, and invariably reliable are the qualities of One Minute Cough Cure. It never fails in colds, croup and lung troubles. Children like it because it is pleasant to take and it helps them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Adam Schumacher, a veteran of the late war, died from heart disease while eating dinner at a restaurant in Havana Monday.

You Can't Afford to Chance It.
A heavy cold may lead to pneumonia or consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar taken in time affords perfect security from serious results. Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

Pekin is to have a performance by amateur lady minstrels, for the benefit of St. Mary's Guild of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

Sealy eruptions on the head, chapped hands and lips, cuts, bruises, scalds, burns, are quickly cured by De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve. It is at present the article most used for piles, and it always cures them. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Patrick Dunne, formerly of Peoria, has sued the whisky trust for 100 shares of stock, which he claims are due him from the trust.

To cure all old sores, to heal an indolent ulcer, or to speedily cure piles, you need simply apply De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve according to directions. Its magic-like actions will surprise you. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

B. J. Miller, of Dana, is the new station agent at Grandland.

About the Eye.

For people with sore eyes, weak, watery eyes, and red and inflamed eyes, caused by age, catarrh or otherwise, the Brazilian Balm is a priceless boon. Put 15 or 20 drops of Balm into a spoonful of warm water and bathe the eyes well night and morning, getting some of the solution into the eyes. The relief and benefit is worth a hundred times the cost.

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L. M. Brock, of Mackinaw, has received a patent on a fence post.

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After an exposure, or when you feel a cold coming on, take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar. It never fails. Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

Richard Nail, postmaster of Hartsburg, is a first cousin of Richard P. Bland, the silver advocate.

The old lady was right when she said, the child might die if they waited for the doctor. She saved the little one's life with a few doses of One Minute Cough Cure. She had used it for croup before. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

J. H. Randolph and wife, of Kenney, have gone to Florida to spend the winter. Mr. Randolph's health is poor.

The old way of delivering messages by postboys compared with the modern telephone, illustrates the old tedious methods of "breaking colds" compared with their almost instantaneous cure by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

Agent T. S. Bunn, of Danville, received notice that his depot was voted the best kept on the Peoria division by the inspection board.

Soothing and not irritating, strengthening and not weakening, small but effective such are the qualities of De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son and Armstrong Bros.

W. A. McGillis, of Kankakee, has contracted to do a three years' job of dredging in Bayou La Fourche, near New Orleans. He starts December 19 for his field of labor, taking his family with him.

YOU ought to know that when suffering from any kidney trouble that a safe, sure remedy is Foley's Kidney Cure. Guaranteed or money refunded. Neisler Drug and Supply Co. and N. L. Krone.

The Western Union Telegraph Company will vacate the upstairs room in the post office block at Pekin, which they have occupied many years, and will go into the room with the American Express company.

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ARMENIAN PERSECUTION

Adherence of the People to Christian Faith Amid Tribulation. In no country on earth, perhaps, the Christian religion confronts such fearful odds as in Armenia.

Way back in the fourth century, when the last book of the New Testament was finished, Tiridates the ruler of Armenia was converted to Christianity by St. Gregory. Armenia was at that time a Roman province, but its ruler was a native pagan, and his example was followed by some of the nobility and common people.

From that time down to the present, a period of over 1,500 years, Armenia has been the bulwark of Christianity in Asia. But the standard of Christianity in Armenia, and whose teachings have been practiced "even in the remotest ends of the world," have held aloft by this determined people under the most adverse circumstances.

Soon after the death of Tiridates and when the little band of Armenian Christians had been reduced to a handful by the incursions of the tribes, which surrounded them, their country was literally a wasteland, the Persian fire-worshippers.

Hardly had it recovered from its pagan past before its Christian population was again decimated—this time by the Mohammedan caliphs, who decided to put every man and woman to the sword who would not profess Islam. "There is no god but Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet."

But the Christian watch fire did not entirely die out, even during the reign of this great storm of adversity. From the few sparks which were saved through those perilous years, the movement which is now wholly Christianized that is Asiatic region during the nineteenth century. During the two centuries mentioned Armenia was by native princes and enjoyed prosperity. The eleventh century inaugurated another era of mass extermination, the almost defenseless Armenian Christians being this time assailed by both the Greeks and Turks, who divided the country between themselves, leaving but a few tributary princes. They with this cruel test, as they had so others, however, came out as "brave Armenian provinces" viler than a century.

In the thirteenth century the goin took their turn and almost the Armenians off the face of the land they arose, and were quite content in Asiatic affairs until the middle of the fifteenth century, when the country was divided between the two in the two countries last mentioned for the possession of the ancient monument, in which, of course, Armenia, the greatest sufferer. Early in the present century the Russian emperor declared himself to be "protector" of Christian rights in Armenia. The British have also claimed themselves champions of the faith in the east, but the masses of Armenian Christians by their hands and pagans continue, just as they have, except the shadow of comparative quietude for more than 1,500 years. Any people for centuries' sake will suffer on that magnitude of war, blood and civil oppression surely deserves sympathy and should command help and support of every Christian on the globe.—St. Louis Republic.

A NEW INTOXICANT.
Latest Drunkenness Results from
ing Smelling Salts.

The very latest sort of drunkenness, that which has been discovered from the constant inhalation of smelling salts.

So great a hold has the smelling salt habit gained upon the mind of man that when she is deprived of them the experiences all the cruel torments that the person who deeply loves and finds himself deprived. Some of the salts are of extreme strength and produce a sort of most gratifying to the victim. That one woman has been suspected of drinking when really her inebriation resulted from a too liberal use of smelling bottle.

Not long ago a titled woman, carried from the cloakroom at a reception in London in a state of inebriation. A bottle was found in folds of her gown containing material of strength sufficient to take away the life of an ordinary person. That man spread with wonderful proof that his lady was a confirmed drunkard.

The smelling salts theory being ruled by the majority—and the found it necessary to retire from the social circle she had long graced.

Indulgence in this habit may prove for the seasoned subject clean is the strength of the salt. Elimination of the offensive odor is not alone the reason of this practice. It is necessary to renew the system, and once enchainment the slave was kept nothing that does not yield. The story is told of an elderly lady who calls upon a chemist two or three days and requests a phial of no fewer than a dozen bottles, some of which are of a diminutive size.—N. Y. Journal.

AD in Play.
Two little girls were playing father. One pretended that she was Lincoln and the other that she was Mrs. Garfield. Mrs. Garfield was going on Mrs. Lincoln, and when she about to leave Mrs. Lincoln said she should be pleased to have you remain. Mrs. Garfield, to which she replied politely she would be pleased to do so, but had no night dress on. "Oh, well," exclaimed Mrs. Lincoln, cordially, "I can lend you Abraham's night shirt!"—N. Y. Journal.

ARMENIAN PERSECUTIONS.

Headed by the people of the Armenian Church, the Armenian people, in the fourth century, were the first to be persecuted by the Roman Empire. The Armenian people, in the fourth century, were the first to be persecuted by the Roman Empire. The Armenian people, in the fourth century, were the first to be persecuted by the Roman Empire.

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THE SCULPTOR'S WORK.

He Must Be Something of a Mechanic as Well as an Artist. It is said of Michelangelo that he carved some of the greatest masterpieces directly from rough blocks of marble without any preparatory studies or models; but, then, the great Florentine was a genius, and his knowledge of the human form and his powers in delineating it were supreme.

The model appeared to him superfluous, but he sometimes miscalculated how far his blocks of marble would carry him in the realization of his ideas. It cannot be wondered at that his method has been followed by few, on account of the colossal difficulties involved in carrying it out, and few sculptors would consider themselves competent to attack a mass of stone and carve therefrom a figure almost breathing with life. Even in the old days sculptors resorted to more artificial and prosaic methods for the evolution of their ideas in bronze and marble.

When we look upon a finished marble statue we rarely think of the time and labor that has been expended on it. First, a model must be made, but even preliminary to this the sculptor puts his ideas in the form of a rough "sketch" in clay or wax, according to the delicacy required.

Here the main points are rapidly molded in, and some idea is obtained of how the statue will look when it is finished. A passing thought, an idea, in this way fixed, and is more carefully worked up in the model.

As a rule, the first model is small, and is of clay or wax, and at first consists of a nucleus of tow or some such material, on which the clay is laid. Bit by bit it is built up, until by trimming and adding, flattening and rounding off, the figure comes to assume its proper proportions.

The rough outlines of the "sketch" are developed, new ideas are added, others are altered and by degrees the realization of the sculptor's thoughts begins to appear in the clay.

In the actual manipulation great care must be taken that the clay is of the proper consistence and possesses the requisite amount of moisture, otherwise it may become dry and crack.

A still more serious accident is where the clay crumbles to pieces. In this way the labor of months may in a few minutes vanish into a mass of debris, an experience which many sculptors have had.

To guard against this the clay must from time to time be moistened, and when work is finished for the day the model must be carefully covered with damp cloths. In this way accidents may be prevented.

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FOR SALE—A modern eight-room house on North Main street. Only one left, don't wait at once. PETER H. BRUECK, Real Estate Broker, 216 North Main street, Nov. 19-21st.

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FOR SALE—Here's something that will interest your pocketbook. Three fine lots, one on North Main street, one on North Water street, one on North Main street. All are well improved. Call on J. H. BROWN, 222 West Wood street, 17-18th.

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A large and convenient hall, new and fully equipped, with stage, toilet rooms, etc., can be rented for parties, entertainments, socials and shows. Enquire of the Trustees, W. Steinbach, John Weigand and W. M. Bold. Oct. 21-22nd.

CHANCERY NOTICE.
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Mury Willis vs. Joseph C. Willis. In Chancery.

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In the County Court, to the December Term, A. D. 1896.
Hunt on T. Morton vs. Mary A. Locher—Attachment.

Special Tax Notice.
Public notice is hereby given that the county court of Macon county, Illinois, has rendered judgment for special taxes upon property owned by the following named persons.

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We have on sale a nice assortment of Jackets, as follows:

Ladies' Jackets at \$5, \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50, \$15.

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Children's Jackets at \$2.00, 2.50, 3.50, 5.00.

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Good results from poor medicines; all adulterations are harmful. Use the best. Everything in the Drug line and of the best at

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LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.; You pay a little more for Sleeth's' portraits but—
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf
Dr. H. P. Bachman, dentist rooms 7, 8 and 9, in Temple block. 5 dtf

West's drug store saves you money on the medicines you have to buy.

Dr. L. E. Conradt, Dentist rooms 48 and 49 Fenton block aug94-dtf

Hot soup served at noon every day at Singleton's Restaurant.—Oct21dtf

Sleeth is the only photographer in the city who guarantees satisfaction.

The old reliable K & W cigars are made by John Weigand. Mob 25-dtf.

See our cheap shoes for men.

PHILPOT'S, 229 N. Water St. Oct5dtf F. L. Stevenson, Assignee.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct21dtf

Use Deatur coal. It is the best. Leave your order at Armstrong Bros.' drug store.—Oct8 dtf

Rev. Pierman, of Bloomington, will preach tomorrow morning and evening at the Antioch Baptist church.

The Wabash City Ticket Office has been removed from No. 132 East Prairie street to No. 147 Merchant street. dtf

New shoes for Fall arriving daily.

PHILPOT'S, F. L. Stevenson, Assignee.

Oct. 5 dtf

Hot water bottles at reduced prices at West's drug store.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Mob 25 dtf.

Ladies and children made dresses, cloaks and winter wraps nicely dyed cleaned and pressed—no ripping apart—at Miller's Steam Dye House, 145 North Main street.

A present with every pair of school shoes at PHILPOT'S, F. L. Stevenson, Assignee.

Oct. 5 dtf

English bull dog shoes with cork soles are the correct thing, just received at Powers' Shoe store—20-d&w1w

The ladies of St. John's church want all their friends to remember that they will serve dinner and supper Dec. 10.

The annual parish meeting and election of vestrymen for the ensuing year of St. John's church will be held in the chapel on Monday evening the 23rd inst. at 7:30. All the members of the church are requested to be present.

The Cumberland Presbyterian church will begin Sunday a series of special meetings. Services each evening next week at 7:30. Rev. T. H. McAmis, the eloquent preacher of East Tennessee, who assisted this church last winter, will assist Rev. Hawkins next week. The pastor has held a number of cottage prayer meetings among families of his church this week.

Visitors.

Dr. J. D. Murphy, of Bushnell, grand patriarch of the Illinois grand lodge of Odd Fellows, is in the city visiting his sister, Miss Chloe Murphy. He was at the W. R. C. entertainment last night. Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Murphy, of East Chicago, Ind., are also in the city.

Thanksgiving Dinner.

The L. C. C. sewing circle will give a Thanksgiving dinner and supper on Thursday, Nov. 26. They will serve possum and sweet potatoes and old Kentucky corn bread. Everyone is invited to attend. Octavia McDougal, secretary.

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CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP

A Meeting Held in This City Last Night for the Purpose of Organizing Such a Society.

A meeting was held last evening at the First Baptist church for the purpose of organizing a Christian citizenship society in this city. The meeting was arranged by some members of the Christian Endeavor society. Edwin D. Woodcock, the president of the national Christian citizenship league, and Rev. Charles Seymour Bullock, pastor of the Union church at Oakwood, were present and each made an address. Mr. Woodcock in his speech explained the purpose of the organization. He said that it existed to make Christian principles operative in public affairs, to prevent the nomination and election of corrupt candidates and the enactment of corrupt laws, to secure fidelity on the part of the officers, to exterminate the saloon, to preserve the Sabbath, to purify and elevate the elective franchise and to promote the study of social wrongs and the application of their remedies. He said further that the society did not call upon the boodles politicians but appealed to the Christian people as any good that is done must come from that class. Anyone was welcome to join, none were restricted on account of creed, nationality, party or sex.

Rev. Bullock told of the work that he and his congregation has accomplished in Chicago. They defeated a corrupt alderman, removed evils from the ward and at a caucus put up the man that they wanted. He said his church had but 230 members but they had been able to do much good. The same could be done by any body of people who would enter into the work with determination. After the question having been thoroughly explained to the gathering it was suggested that a Christian citizenship society be organized in this city. A meeting will be held next week when further steps toward the organization will be taken. The intention of those interested in the movement is that an active part be taken by the society in the affairs of the city, both during election and at other times.

A brief meeting was held last night after the general gathering and some arrangements were made. Theodore Kynning was made chairman and Edward Jacobs secretary. The following committees were named:

Organization and Membership—H. W. Wilkinson, T. C. McIntire and A. M. Taylor.

Constitution—N. W. Woodford, J. L. Dock and S. T. Curtis.

Nominations—Sam Schlink, C. S. Goshert and H. M. Kreidler.

AT THE POST HALL.

Members of the W. R. C. Have a Sale and Realize a Handsome Sum.

Last night the Grand Army Post hall was crowded on the occasion of the annual sale, entertainment and social given by the members of Woman's Relief Corps. The decorations as usual were patriotic and beautiful, there being a plentiful display of flowers. For many months the ladies had been making preparations for the sale, the chief object being to raise money to go into the relief fund of the society. Many useful and ornamental articles were on sale. The ladies having general charge were Mrs. Eliza Kennedy, the Corps president, and Mrs. T. B. Spalding as chairman of the executive committee, assisted by Mrs. Nora Badenhausen, Mrs. Emma Metz, Mrs. Joannette Martin and Mrs. Amanda Schilling.

The booths and tables were in charge of members of the corps as follows:

Fancy Work—Mrs. M. F. Metz and Miss Ida Haworth.

"Great Expectation" Booth—Mrs. J. V. Shuler, Mrs. Ursula Kirk, Mrs. Lou Tinscher.

Fortune Telling Booth—Mrs. J. G. Badenhausen and Mrs. L. A. Morris.

Perpetual Motion Booth—Captain I. N. Martin, assisted by Moses Allison and A. J. Jarrett.

Domestic Booth—Mrs. Jeannette Martin, Mrs. Nellie Finley and Mrs. Belle Aldridge.

Ice cream table—Mrs. Wesley Kunkle and Miss Mae Murphy.

Supper table—Mrs. W. D. Conklin, Mrs. W. W. Brown, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Poole, Mrs. Clymer, Mrs. Berno, Mrs. Imman, Mrs. Whitehel, Mrs. Abel, Mrs. Spore, Mrs. Shirley, Miss Murphy and Mrs. McCane.

During the evening a mandolin orchestra composed of Messrs. Brandon, Chever, Horgan and Burley played and Miss Bernice Trainer recited "The Old Sergeant" in capital style. On behalf of the Corps, Mrs. Kennedy presented Miss Trainer a floral bouquet.

There was a cake walk during the evening. It afforded much amusement. R. R. Johnson and Mrs. Gwenn White were the winners.

The festivities closed with a social dance in which the young people partipated.

At the High School.

Last night the young ladies of the Epaphian society gave their first reception and entertainment and had a large and appreciative audience. Floral decorations were elaborate and beautiful, no expense being spared for the display. Miss Myrtle Flint, the president, made a few appropriate remarks at the beginning of the meeting.

Following was the program:

Piano Solo—Miss Lucile Bonbrake.

Debate—"Resolved, that United States senators should be elected by the present system, as opposed the election by popular vote." Affirmative, Misses Mollie Grubel

and Daisy Fletcher. Negative, Misses Edith Montgomery and Beale Dilla. The judges, Miss French and Messrs. Shepard and Flint, decided in favor of the affirmative.

Vocal Solo—Miss Mamie Green.

Recitation—Miss Edith Starr.

Violin Solo—Miss Cordella Williams.

Essay—Lela Ayres.

Piano Solo—Miss Jessie Nichols.

Recitation—Miss Anne Hutcheson.

The closing number was a wonderful performance by the young ladies' orchestra directed by Prof. Westhoff. There was a wonderful lack of harmony, but the absence of pleasing melody was made up by the display of energy.

FOR THE MONUMENT FUND.

The Members of the Ladies Assembly Gave Fifteen Dollars Toward the Enterprise.

At a meeting of the Dorcas society held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Shultz, on South Colfax street the members of the ladies' assembly, which is composed of the wives and daughters of the uniform rank K. of P., presented \$15 to the Mason County Monument association. The presentation was made by the president of the society, Mrs. J. W. Wagoner and the money was taken from the fund of the ladies' assembly. The monument association was found for the purpose of raising sufficient money to build a monument in this city in memory of the fallen heroes of Mason county. It is expected that the different organizations will present money to the fund to assist in the movement. The intention is to erect a monument which will cost about \$2500.

IN A LONG SLEEP.

Nathaniel Sprague's Peculiar Condition at Argenta.

Nat Sprague is 58 years old, and is one of the old residents of Argenta. He has been in poor health for a period of three or four years, gradually growing weaker. Last Sunday Mr. Sprague fell into a deep sleep and since that day he has continued to be in a comatose state. His family and friends are unable to keep him awake very long at a time—hardly long enough to administer medicine or nourishment. Dr. Thomas is the attending physician, and brother Odd Fellows are taking proper care of the afflicted man. It is believed that he has Bright's disease, an affliction which caused other residents in the vicinity of Argenta to sleep for long periods months before they died.

THE OFFICIAL VOTE.

Hon. T. N. Leavitt's Plurality Is 458 Over J. P. Paris.

The following was the official vote for member of the state board of equalization in this (the 17th) congressional district, showing that T. N. Leavitt, of Maroa, Republican, defeated J. P. Paris, of Niantic, Union Democrat, 658 votes in the district.

Candidates	Leavitt	Paris	Palme	Wallace
Counties	1024	2027	26	11
Menard	3401	3596	91	32
Logan	3401	3596	91	32
Stangor	2912	3527	23	79
Mason	6243	4794	98	71
Christian	896	1619	64	25
Total	21,042	21,184	517	210

Parity 658.

The above figures are from the official returns received at the office of the secretary of state.

Killed an Eagle.

Frank Reinstorff returned home today from a hunting expedition of several days near Havana, Ill., and he brought with him a rare trophy. It was a beautiful specimen of the American eagle which he killed near Havana. The eagle weighed twelve pounds and measured seven feet from the tip of one wing to the tip of the other. The claws were about two inches long and very sharp. Mr. Reinstorff had quite a battle in capturing the bird. He shot it twice and then knocked it in the head with a club. While he was holding the bird by the neck it recovered and tore Mr. Reinstorff's coat to pieces before he could make the bird let go. He will send the eagle to a taxidermist and have it stuffed and mounted.

Will Play at Maroa.

The Decatur High school foot ball team went to Maroa today to play with the Maroa High school club. The game takes place this afternoon. The following is the line up for the Decatur club: Left end, Fred Bonfield; left tackle, Roy Brown; left guard, Ira Garver, center, Walter Irwin; right guard, Ed Hampton; right tackle, Fred Ferguson; right end, Corey Nicholson; quarter back, Ed Odor, left half, Hal Hammer, right half, Ira Cloney; full back, Earle Seiberling.

Will Huston Again.

Old Billy Huston is again in the county jail on a charge of vagrancy. He will probably be a prisoner until spring. Huston has no home. He has been sleeping in the corridors of the court house. He was covered with vermin and had to be entirely renovated before he could be put behind the bars.

Born.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Waggoner, 858 North Edward street, Nov. 20, a son.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

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A COMMENDABLE WORK

Efforts and Influence of the Y. M. C. A. for the Good of the Community.

The souvenirs just issued by the Y. M. C. A. show the commendable work being done by this Decatur institution. Among those features are three that need special mention. The vocational work, partially represented by the lecture course. For five years this course has been maintained for the object of making money to assist in supporting the association, but first, to give a course of first class instruction within the reach of all and second to offer the course free to all members of the association, enhancing the value and value of membership and at the same time cultivating a taste for higher order of entertainment among the young men who otherwise might not be inclined to attend. During the past few years these entertainments have only a paltry expense, some years losing but making up the next. This year the committee were induced to bring higher priced talent, hoping to increase the sale of tickets, and thereby clear enough money to have a little in other lines of educational work, such as evening classes in penmanship, bookkeeping, mechanical drawing, etc. But 700 tickets will have to be sold to clear expenses, and as the campaign has interfered with the sale of tickets very much, it is hoped that enough tickets may be placed to insure the association against loss. The expense for the Baptist grand concert will be \$100 and every number on the course of equally high merit, and the variety was never finer.

Another special feature is the social work, and this will be emphasized on Thanksgiving night, when a banquet will be given to the young men who live in home. Refreshments will be served by the ladies' central committee. A glee program will be rendered, and there will be a gymnastic contest under the direction of the physical instructor, Herbert S. Blair. All persons knowing of young men away from home who will be in the city Thanksgiving day, will confer a favor by sending names to Secretary Woodruff that invitations may be sent them.

Randall & Troutman Get the Contract

The contract for repaving the damaged sewer lying between East Wood and East Main streets was awarded yesterday afternoon by the public improvement committee of which Alderman Simpson is chairman. There were three bids submitted as follows:

Sherry Tuttle—Thirty cents an hour for brickmasons and \$1.00 per day for labor, \$3 a day for inspection and 10 per cent added for the contractor's profit.

George W. Tuttle representing the brick layer's union—Fifty cents an hour for brickmasons and 15 cents an hour for laborers.

Randall & Troutman—Twenty-five cents an hour for brickmasons and fifteen cents an hour for laborers.

The committee decided to award the contract to the last named bidder. His work is to be done by the day. The contract for removing the earth from the sewer was awarded to Thomas Richardson, who offered to do the job for \$400 which was \$25 cheaper than the next lowest bidder. He will probably have to excavate one half the depth of the sewer. Just how much of the job and how long work will have to be done until the sewer is known and cannot be told until the job has been removed and the opportunity afforded for a careful inspection. It is the upper curve that will have to be repaired and it may be that the sewer will be entirely replaced. The sewer is in a bad state of repair and the improvement will cost \$1000.